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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS

JTPD PROGRAM OPERATORS

EDD JOB SERVICE OFFICE MANAGERS

WID STAFF

SUBJECT: SDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES-

MARCH 24, 2000

The minutes and revised agenda from the Service Delivery Area (SDA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, March 24, 2000, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact Jim Scholl, at (916) 657-4610.

/S/ BILL BURKE Chief

Attachments

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA (SDA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL Friday, March 24, 2000



10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Agenda Building/Hot Topics	Bill Burke, Workforce Investment Division (WID)
10:30 a.m.	Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Update	Linda Monroe, California Office of Workforce Investment
10:50 a.m.	Agenda for SDA Quarterly on April 18, 2000	Bill Burke, WID
11:00 a.m.	WIA Performance Negotiations • Workgroup Update	Liz Clingman, WID
11:15 a.m.	Title III Expenditures	Bill Burke, WID

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Friday, March 24, 2000

<u>Welcome/Agenda Building/Hot Topics</u>—Bob Hermsmeier, Workforce Investment Division (WID)

- Restructuring—We are going through a restructuring from the Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) to WID, which includes adding the One-Stop Office to WID. As a new branch division, Jim Curtis, Acting Chief of the Research, Evaluation and Demonstration Projects Division (REDPD), will be in charge of special projects and the Welfare to Work (WtW) grant program. A new unit has been formed in REDPD, consisting of five Staff Services Manager (SSM) Specialists. The managers are presently being trained and will handle the 85 percent WtW grant program. All phone numbers will remain the same in the divisions. The SSM II position previously held by Jim Curtis has not yet been filled. An organization chart is anticipated to go out in April outlining these changes.
- JTPA Closeout—The final closeout guide should be released on the Internet in the middle of April. A Management Information System (MIS) meeting is scheduled in Anaheim on May 8-9, 2000, to provide information on the on-going changes to the Job Training Automation system to support first year Workforce Investment Act (WIA) implementation.
- Information Technology Policy Discussion—The Advisory membership agreed that the WIA information technology needed to be discussed in detail. Bob Lanter, California Workforce Association (CWA) will discuss this with the Association next week and will forward their recommendation to Bill Burke.
- Summer Youth—An information bulletin concerning best practices and other ideas for funding sources to supplement WIA Youth funds will be released in early April.
- American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) Conference—The AFL-CIO Building Partnership Conference is scheduled for May 7-8, 2000, in Palm Springs.

WIA—Linda Monroe, California Office of Workforce Investment (COWI)

- The final draft of the State Plan and the letter responding to the Department of Labor's (DOL) questions on the Abbreviated Youth Plan are at California Health and Human Services Agency. Transition funds have not been released by the Department of Finance.
- Local Workforce Investment Area designations have been decided at the Governor's Office but have not yet been announced.

- Virginia Hamilton, CWA, recommended the Governor apply to become a workflex state so he could waive the prohibition on the employment generating activities.
- There was a concern that Government Code Section 1090, needs to be amended so the local boards can enter into the One-Stop agreements. Bob Hermsmeier indicated EDD legal staff is researching the issue.
- Linda indicated that COWI would soon be developing the process to certify the local boards. Many of the local boards will be certified by July 1 with a completion date of December 31, 2000.
- The State Plan was corrected to indicate local boards, not One-Stop Operators, could apply for the Rapid Response funding.

Agenda for SDA Quarterly Meeting—Bob Hermsmeier, WID

- The following topics will be discussed:
 - 1. Implementing the WIA in California
 - 2. WIA Update
 - 3. Information Technology Policy Discussion
 - 4. Legislative Update
 - 5. WtW Program
 - 6. Performance Measures
 - 7. JTPA Closeout

Performance Negotiations—Liz Clingman, WID

 There have been three meetings of the State/Local Performance Negotiations Workgroup. The last meeting (March 10) focused on the credential and youth data. A credential attainment survey is being developed which will be sent to the SDAs. Bob Lanter, CWA, agreed to help with the survey distribution and data collection based on the results of the survey. The survey will be posted on the Internet in the near future.

Title III Expenditures—Bob Hermsmeier, WID

• The SDAs will soon receive from WID an information bulletin that will eliminate all fund utilization requirements for Title III 60 percent funds. The Title III 40 percent funding authority will end June 30, 2000, with unexpended funds as of that date returning to the State. The SDAs can negotiate with the State if they have special circumstances that require using Title III 40 percent funds beyond June 30, 2000. The State will evaluate each case individually. Rapid Response funds not spent will come back with the same protocols as indicated above for the 40 percent funding program. If necessary, requests for Rapid Response funding to serve closures prior to receipt of WIA 25 percent funding authority will receive priority consideration. The 85 percent obligation rate for Title II program is also waived for this transition year.